

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR PARKS SANCTUARIES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to handover the management and maintenance of zoological parks and wildlife sanctuaries to industrial houses or non-governmental/ voluntary organizations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to bring improvement in the management of zoological parks and wildlife sanctuaries in the country so far;
- (d) whether the zoo management courses are not available and the people are being sent abroad for training;
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to start any Academy for zoological park management; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRINAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) No, Sir. The Government does not propose to handover the management and maintenance of Zoological Parks to industrial houses or non-governmental/ voluntary organizations.
  - (b) Does not arise.
  - (c) The Government of India provides technical and financial assistance through the Central. Zoo Authority to various zoos in the country for modernization of the animal housing, veterinary healthcare and other facilities.
  - (d) No, Sir. The Wildlife Institute of India organizes annual zoo management course for middle level and senior level personnel working in the Indian Zoos. The Indian Veterinary Research Institute organizes annual course on wildlife health and medicine for the zoo veterinarians. The Central Zoo Authority also provide financial assistance to identified zoos to organize keeper level training programmes on annual basis.
- In order to provide exposure to the advances made in the field of zoo science, a veterinarian and a zoo manager are deputed by the Central Zoo Authority every year to the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, U. K. for three weeks training programme.
- (e)& (f) Does not arise.